

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Edwin SOUTHERN et al.

Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch

Filed August 23, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 2001_1178

A METHOD FOR ANALYSING A POLYNUCLEOTIDE
CONTAINING A VARIABLE SEQUENCE AND A SET
OR ARRAY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES THEREFOR
(AS AMENDED)

(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/502,778,
Filed February 11, 2000)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

Q This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/502,778 filed February 11, 2000, which is
a divisional of Serial No. 08/930,798 filed October 6, 1997.

Page 1, line 3, please rewrite the title as follows:

A METHOD FOR ANALYSING A POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONTAINING A

a² VARIABLE SEQUENCE AND A SET OR ARRAY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES THEREFOR

Page 1, line 5, please rewrite as follows:

a³ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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